

CLEAN VERSION

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claim 21 as follows:

Kindly add new claims 22 as follows:

5 1. (previously presented) A multiple-in-1 hand tool comprising;

tool bit members, each member having a body and oppositely disposed ends and having a tool bit disposed at each said end;

a tool bit driver in combination with a tool handle;

10 said driver comprising a handle having a proximate end and a distal end, and having elongated compartments to receive said tool bit members for storage within the compartments; and

said driver handle further comprising a handle cap, said driver handle cap comprising means for removably and rotatably attaching the cap to the handle proximate end to cover the compartments with the tool bit members in a closed position, said handle cap being rotatable in a closed position.

15 2. (previously presented) A multiple-in-1 hand tool comprising:

a handle in combination with a tool handle;

said handle having a proximate end and a distal end, and being formed with a plurality of compartments adjacent a proximate end for storing tool bits; and

20 a handle cap, said handle cap having a distal end and means for removably and rotatably attaching a handle cap distal end to said handle proximate end to cover said compartments containing the tool bits in a handle cap closed position, said handle cap being rotatable in the closed position.

3. (previously presented) The precision tool of claim 2, wherein:

the handle cap distal end is contoured for receiving the end of an index finger for precision tool bit drive use.

25 4. (previously presented) A precision multiple-in-1 hand tool comprising:

a handle in combination with a tool;

said handle having a proximate end and a distal end;

a handle cap removably and rotatably attached to the handle proximate end;

a shank having a proximate end disposed in the distal end of the handle and being extendable

from the handle distal end,

a shank sleeve disposed at the distal end of the shank,

at least one tool bit member, one said tool bit member being operably disposable in said shank sleeve, said handle cap having means for restraining one tool bit member, and said handle being formed with elongated compartments for stowing a plurality of said tool bit members, each tool bit member comprising a body and oppositely disposed precision tool bits, wherein the length of each tool bit is about equal to the length of the member body; and

said handle cap covers the handle compartments with the stowed tool bit members in a closed position, and said handle cap being rotatable in the closed position.

5 5. (previously presented) The precision pocket tool of claim 4, wherein:

said handle cap being having a first contour to positionably receive the end of an index finger for precise tool use.

6. (previously presented) A multiple-in-1 hand tool comprising:

15 at least one interchangeable tool bit member, opposed jaw tool members, first and second elongated handles having oppositely disposed first and second ends;

said jaw tool members being operably disposed at said first ends;

said first handle having opposed sides forming an elongated cavity;

20 a sleeve comprising a one-piece unitary construction formed with a body and having a closed-end and an open end, said open end being formed for removably and operably holding said tool bit member, said tool bit member being disposed in said sleeve;

means for pivotably fixedly connecting the sleeve adjacent the first handle second end so that the sleeve is non-removable, whereby the sleeve and the tool bit member are pivoted from a first position disposed away from the first handle to a second position disposed in the first handle cavity so that the sleeve and tool bit member are inoperably stowed in the first handle without having to remove and separately stow the tool bit member or sleeve outside the first handle cavity thereby permitting ready alternate pliers or selected tool bit use.

7.(previously presented) A multiple-in-1 hand tool, according to claim 6, wherein:

said tubular body having an outer surface, said sleeve closed-end having a flat end wall portion, said flat end wall portion extending to the tubular body outer surface.

8. (previously presented) A multiple-in-1 hand tool, according to claim 7, wherein:

said tool bit member comprising a double-ended tool bit, said double-ended tool bit being disposed between said first handle sides with said sleeve disposed in said inoperable position.

9. (previously presented) A multiple-in-1 hand tool, according to claim 6, wherein said tubular body being formed with a wing member extending away from the outer surface of the tubular body.

10. (previously presented) A multiple-in-1 hand tool, according to claim 9, wherein:

said wing member extends axially from the flat end wall portion along said outer surface of said tubular body.

11. (previously presented) A multiple-in-1 hand tool comprising:

at least one interchangeable tool bit member, opposed pliers jaws, first and second elongated handles having oppositely disposed first and second ends, said pliers jaws being operably disposed at said first ends;

said first handle having opposed sides forming an elongated cavity, a bladed tool, and means for pivotably connecting the bladed tool to the first handle adjacent the first handle second end;

a sleeve comprising a one-piece unitary construction formed with a substantially tubular body, and said tubular body having a closed-end and an open end, said open end being formed for removably storing said tool bit member, said tool bit member being disposed in said sleeve, means for pivotably fixedly connecting the sleeve adjacent the first handle second end so that the sleeve is non-removable, whereby the sleeve and the tool bit member are pivoted from a first position disposed away from the first handle to a second position disposed in the first handle cavity so that the sleeve and tool bit member are inoperably stowed in the first handle without having to remove and separately stow the tool bit member or sleeve outside the first handle cavity thereby permitting ready alternate pliers or tool bit use;

said tubular body having an outer surface, said sleeve closed-end having a flat end wall portion, said flat end wall portion extending to the tubular body outer surface; and

said tool bit member comprising a double-ended tool bit, said double-ended tool being disposed between said first handle sides with said sleeve disposed in said inoperable position.

12. (previously presented) A multiple-in-1 hand tool, according to claim 11, wherein:

said tubular body being formed with a wing member extending away from the outside of the tubular body.

13. (previously presented) A multiple-in-1 hand tool, according to claim 11, wherein:

said wing member extends axially along said outside of said tubular body.

14. (previously presented) A multiple-in-1 hand tool, comprising:

a tool bit member and a tool handle;

said tool handle having a sleeve comprising a one-piece unitary construction formed with a tubular body, and said tubular body having a closed-end and an open end, said open end being formed for removably storing said tool bit member, said tool bit member being disposed in said sleeve in a storage mode and removable for use during a use mode;

means for pivotably fixing said closed end of said tubular body to said tool handle whereby the sleeve and the tool bit member are pivoted from a first position disposed away from the first handle to a second position disposed in a first tool handle cavity so that the sleeve and tool bit member are inoperably storable in a first handle cavity without having to remove and separately store the tool bit member or sleeve outside the first handle, thereby permitting ready alternative tool bit member use apart from said tool handle.

15. (previously presented) A multiple-in-1 hand tool, according to claim 14 wherein:

said tubular body being formed with a wing member extending axially along the outside of the tubular body.

16. (previously presented) A multiple-in-1 hand tool, according to claim 14, wherein:

said tool bit member further comprises a body and an oppositely opened tool bit storage and holding cavity for receiving at least a tool bit during said use mode of said hand tool;

a plurality of storage cavities in said body opposite said storage and holding cavity for removably storing a plurality of tool bits; and

a top member on said tool bit member removably covering said plurality of storage cavities while providing a ready access.

17. (previously presented) A multiple-in-1 hand tool, according to claim 16, further comprising

an intermediate sleeve slidably storable in said oppositely opened tool bit storage and holding cavity for receiving a precision tool bit during said use and enabling a retainment of said tool bit during staid storage mode.

18. (previously presented) A multiple-in-1 hand tool, according to claim 14, wherein:

at least two tool bit members are disposed in said sleeve, whereby said two tool bit members enable a plurality of removable and useable tool bit members with a plurality of storage and holding cavities.

19. (previously presented) A multiple-in-1 hand tool, according to claim 11, wherein:

at least two tool bit members are disposed in said sleeve, whereby said two tool bit members enable a plurality of removable and useable tool bit members with a plurality of storage and holding cavities.

20. (previously presented) A multiple-in-1 hand tool, according to claim 14, wherein:

at least two tool bit members are disposed in said sleeve, whereby said two tool bit members enable a plurality of removable and useable tool bit members with a plurality of storage and holding cavities.

21. (currently amended) A tool kit, comprising:

a hand tool including multiple and interchangeable tool bits in at least a storage body;

at least one tool handle, said first handle having opposed sides forming an elongated cavity and a one piece unitary sleeve member pivotably joined relative to a first end of said tool handle and having a closed-end and an open end, said open end being formed for removably storing said hand tool; and

said hand tool being removably disposed in said sleeve, whereby the sleeve and the hand tool are pivoted from a first position disposed away from the first handle to a second position disposed in the first handle cavity so that the sleeve and hand tool are inoperably stowed in the first handle without having to remove and separately stow the tool bit member, handle, or sleeve outside the first handle

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cavity thereby permitting ready alternate use of said tool kit.

22. (new) A tool handle assembly, comprising:

a hand tool including multiple and interchangeable tool bits in at least a storage position;
at least one tool handle;

5 said at least one tool handle comprising an elongated body portion capable of defining
proximate and distal ends;

a one piece unitary sleeve member having a closed-end and an open end, said closed end being
pivotally joined to said elongated body portion relative to said proximate end, said open end being
formed for removably retaining and storing said tool bits;

10 said hand tool being removably disposed in said sleeve; and

 said sleeve member and said tool bits being pivotable from a first position disposed away from
said at least one tool handle to a second position disposed adjacent to said at least one tool handle so
that said sleeve member and tool bits are inoperably stowed in said tool handle, without having to
remove and separately stow said tool bits, or said sleeve away from said at least one tool handle,
15 thereby permitting ready alternate use of said tool handle assembly.